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# Canadian values poll challenged

IMMIGRATION

**Question about 'misunderstanding' and fear': Advocate**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax immigrant advocate is questioning the question used in a recent poll on whether Atlantic Canadians support screening for potential immigrants.

The question was, "Do you completely support, mostly support, mostly oppose, or completely oppose the Federal Government screening potential immigrants for Canadian values before allowing them entry into the country?"

Two thirds of 1,511 Atlantic Canadians asked by Corporate Research Associates (CRA) last month said they either completely or mostly support such screening. About a quarter said

they completely or mostly oppose it.

"I think asking the question comes from a place of misunderstanding and of fear," said Gerry Mills, executive director of Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS).

"Just asking the question, I think, instills in people that perhaps immigrants don't share Canadian values."

What are Canadian values?

"It's not yet defined in a way that I can articulate at the moment," said CRA chairman and CEO Don Mills (no relation to Gerry Mills).

Mills said his firm now plans to do further research to nail down a "core group of values that basically represent the opinion of a vast majority of Canadians."

"We wanted to get the big picture snapshot early because then it would indicate whether or not it was even worth doing further research on, to tell you the truth," he said.

Mills, who said he's not a proponent of screening, said the results of the poll don't show that Atlantic Canadians are opposed to immigra-

tion; he thinks they're "very pro-immigrant." But he said the results do show the need for a debate "on making sure that we do attract people that share our common values because those are worth protecting."

"We could stick our head in the sand and not acknowledge that people feel this way," he said. "Or we could address this issue openly and maybe help define, what is our point of view in terms of ensuring that we serve the interest of Canadians?"

Gerry Mills said in her experience, immigrants' values are the same as Canadians'.

"They come to Canada, they value family, they value respect for elders, hard work, safety, security, education, they want a better life for their kids, they value freedom and community. I don't think any Canadian would dispute the importance of any of these," she said.

CRA says the poll is accurate to within 2.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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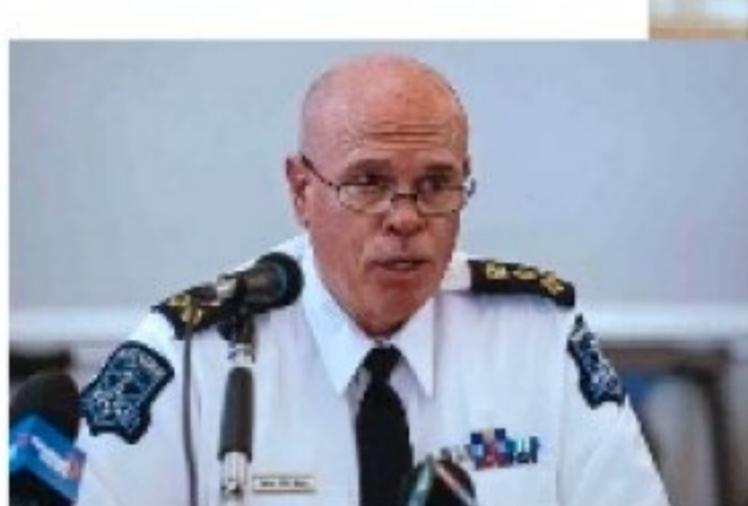
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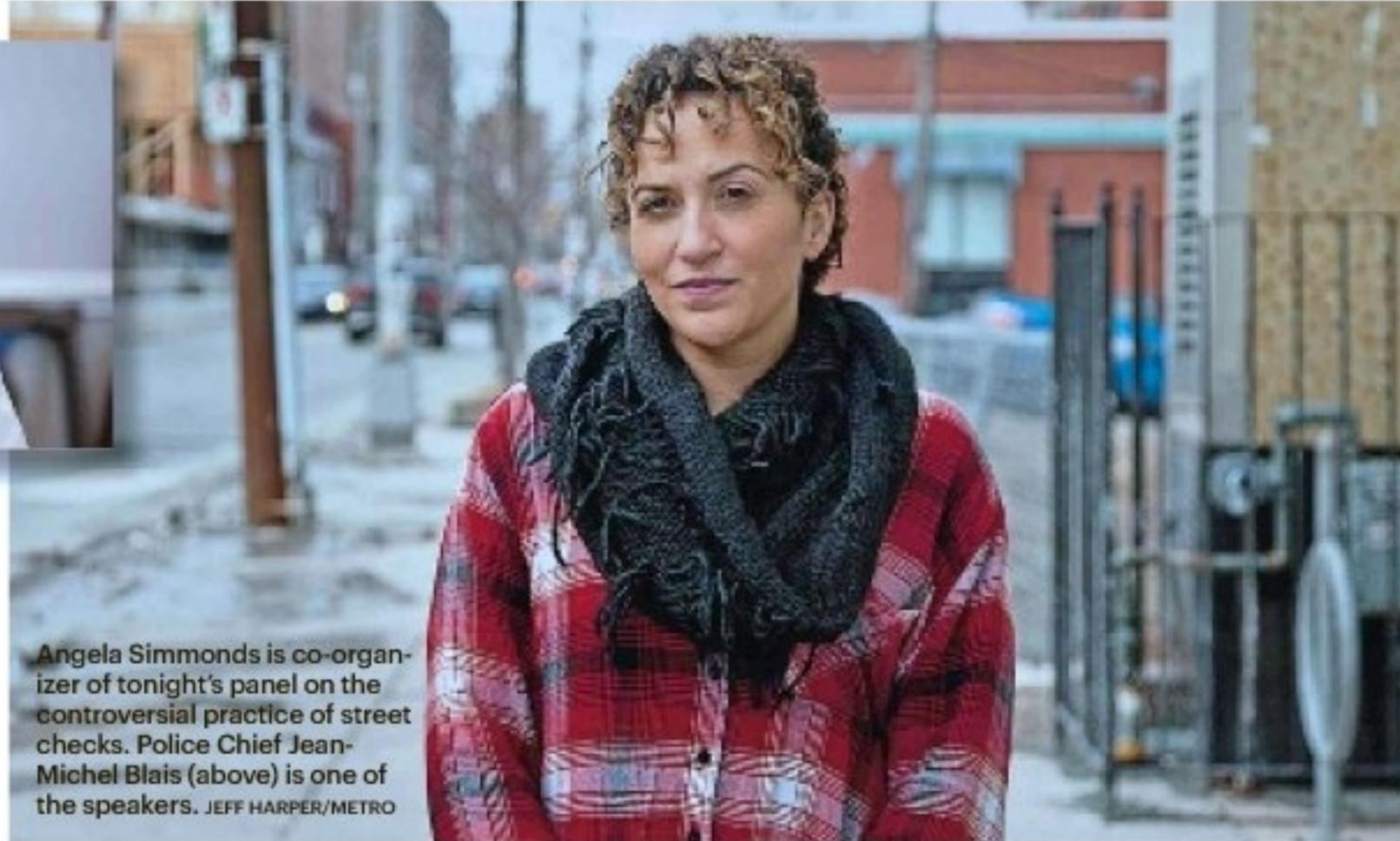
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There hasn't been an acknowledgment of the anti-black racism and discrimination that exists here.

Angela Simmonds



Angela Simmonds is co-organizer of tonight's panel on the controversial practice of street checks. Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais (above) is one of the speakers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Province sets out to help First Nations

First Nations families dealing with domestic violence now have greater access to protection, according to the province.

Nova Scotia's Justice Minister Diana Whalen announced Wednesday that judges and justices of the peace can now issue emergency protection orders for families in First Nations communities.

Those families will have the same access to protection from domestic violence as other Nova Scotians; before, they could only get a peace bond to keep that spouse away during regular working hours.

"Applying emergency protection orders on reserves gives Mi'kmaq families increased well-being and reduces the risk of harm in times of crisis," Paula Marshall, executive director of Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network said in a press release.

Family and provincial courts could issue emergency protection orders under the Nova Scotia Domestic Violence Intervention Act, but before Wednesday's announcement the law did not extend to those in First Nations communities.

"We are glad to support a process that respects First Nations laws that extend important protection to families in crisis," said Whalen in a press release.

First Nations families can visit nsfamilylaw.ca for information on emergency protection orders and how to apply for them. METRO

## Recheck the street check

### RACIAL PROFILING

#### Talk tonight to open dialogue between police, community

**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A panel discussion in Halifax on Thursday aims to educate both the community and the police on the controversial practice of street checks.

According to police, street checks are "when an officer either observes somebody or

something going on or has an interaction or conversation with someone," and then creates a record of that interaction, which is filed in a police database. Data released in January by both Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP show that black people are more than three times more likely than white people to be street checked.

Dalhousie law student Angela Simmonds, along with fellow students Fabian Suarez-Amaya and Brent Murphy, organized Thursday's panel, part of Dalhousie Legal Aid's annual general meeting. It'll be moderated by Dalhousie law professor Archie Kaiser, and speakers

include Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais, social work clinician Lana MacLean, and Rickola Brinton, managing lawyer at Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

Simmonds said they want to help the community understand what street checks are, why they're done and what your rights are, and they want to help police understand the impact they have on the community.

"The goal is that community members are able to get more clarity around the use of street checks, and hopefully even shed some light on the discriminatory practices and policies that might not be being addressed by police," Sim-

### DETAILS

#### The when and where

The event is happening Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the North End Library on Gottingen Street  
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monds said.

"Myself, I'm African Nova Scotian, I'm from here, I am born and raised, and I just think there hasn't been an acknowledgment of the anti-black racism and discrimination that exists here."

There was a lack of communication with the commun-

ity earlier this year when police decided not to suspend the practice of street checks, Simmonds said, and in a way, this panel will fill a gap.

"I think at the very least what was lacking is the ability to have a conversation, the not acknowledging that, 'Maybe we do need to have a community roundtable discussion,' instead of just coming out and saying, 'We're not stopping it and that's it,'" she said.

"We want to speak to some larger issues around the community. This is the community that we serve, and it is a community that deals with poverty, so these are the people that are targeted."



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The Fusion Series will see Symphony Nova Scotia work with Ria Mae, left, for the Halifax Pop Explosion and hold a festive show with Ben Caplan, right. LANE DORSEY/CONTRIBUTED



# Symphony unveils new lineup

## CONCERTS

### Ben Caplan, Ria Mae included in final season for music director



Ria Mae, Matt Andersen, Ben Caplan, the music of ABBA, David Bowie, Beethoven, and Brahms are just some of the sounds being delivered by Symphony Nova Scotia this year. The 2017/18 Symphony Nova

Scotia concert season lineup was announced on Wednesday at a packed Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The event included an hour-long free concert featuring a handful of pieces that will be heard over the coming year.

This season will also be the 15th and final one for music director maestro Bernhard Gueller.

"I love these guys. It really is a wonderful journey which

we did together and not only in a musical way," Gueller said during an onstage chat with Christopher Wilkinson, CEO of Symphony Nova Scotia.

In his final year as music director, Gueller will fulfill some of his "bucket list" items, including conducting the Cherubini's 1816 Requiem. That takes place Nov. 11 with the Grammy Award-winning Estonian National Male Choir, RAM Koor.

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Music director maestro Bernhard Gueller

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After 2018, Gueller said he will move on to "new projects and partnerships." When his contract ends in May 2018, he will also become the symphony's conductor laureate.

Highlights for the coming year in the Fusion Series include Finnish vocal group Rajaton's three-concert celebration of ABBA's music.

The music of Motown, and Simon and Garfunkel will also be on offer. The Fusion Series also sees the symphony team up with Matt Andersen, hold a festive show with Ben Caplan, and work with Ria Mae for the Halifax Pop Explosion.

The Masterworks Series in-

## MORE MUSIC

For a complete listing of Symphony Nova Scotia's 2017/18 season offerings, visit [www.symphonynovascotia.ca](http://www.symphonynovascotia.ca).

Ticket packages are available now, with single tickets for all 2017/18 concerts going on sale Aug. 1.

cludes violinist Gloria Schmidt performing Brahms' Violin Concerto and the return of Magnificent Mozart. Gueller's

final concert as music director will be a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

The Free Family Series with Symphony Nova Scotia returns to Pier 21 and will include performances with the Halifax Circus, the Maritime Bhangra Group, and Black is Beautiful.

The Nutcracker will return for the holiday season, and the symphony has added a second ballet this year when it partners with Canada's Ballet Jörgen to present Anastasia.

This year's Baroque Series will include Tafelmusik's new multimedia concert, The Circle of Creation, which celebrates the music and life of J.S. Bach.

## Halifax DIGEST

### CRIME

#### Man charged after bringing knife on bus

A man who brought a knife onto a Halifax bus is facing possession charges after police received a complaint from a passenger.

Halifax Regional Police said a passenger on the Route 2, Chebucto and Connaught bus reported that a man had taken a knife on the bus, and was arguing with another passenger.

The man left the bus before officers arrived. Police were able to find the man in the Chebucto

and Connaught area, and arrested him without incident.

The 46-year-old man is facing a possession of a weapon dangerous to the public charge, and is currently in custody. He will appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday. METRO

### MILLBROOK

#### Noise complaint leads to drug bust

A noise complaint led to a drug bust and two arrests at a motel in Millbrook First Nation near Truro. Millbrook RCMP said

53 grams of cocaine, 15 grams of hash, brass knuckles, money and drug paraphernalia were seized.

An 18-year-old male from Great Village was arrested for cocaine possession and released from custody. He's scheduled to appear in Truro provincial court on May 31. Also facing charges is 20-year-old Alexander Grady from Truro. He'll appear in Truro provincial court on Friday for six charges including trafficking and unauthorized possession of a restricted weapon. METRO



An RCMP cruiser followed the three men in a car after responding to a call of shots fired in the North Preston area around 1 a.m. Tuesday. METRO FILE

## Acquitted man facing new charges

## CRIME

### Cole Harbour native and two others linked to shooting



A Cole Harbour man recently acquitted of attempted murder is facing new charges stemming from a shooting incident this week.

Halifax RCMP said in a release that 21-year-old Markel Jason Downey was arrested with two others after gunshots were fired at a North Preston residence on Tuesday. Downey was found not guilty of 28 charges related to a 2014 home invasion in which three people were shot and one was left paralyzed.

**15**

Total number of new charges Haligonian Markel Jason Downey is facing.

They attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused to pull over. While following the vehicle, police saw a gun being thrown out the window before the car eventually stopped on Forest Hills Extension near Highway 118.

Three men were taken into custody, and two guns were found on the side of the road.

Downey is facing 15 charges in relation to the shooting, and will appear in the Dartmouth provincial court Wednesday, as well as 20-year-old Shiquawn Marcel Upshaw-Paris and 20-year-old Keano Remella Fraser. RCMP said they are still investigating the case. No one was injured during the shooting.

### CHARGES

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- Two counts of Possession of a Firearm knowing it is Unauthorized
- Two counts of Unauthorized Possession in
- Motor Vehicle
- Possession of a Prohibited/Restricted Firearm with Ammunition
- Possession of a weapon obtained by Commission of Offence
- Two counts of Fail to Comply with Recognition
- Two counts of Possession of Weapons Contrary to Order

## SUPERMARKET CHAINS

## Empire confident grocer customers will return

Supermarket owner Empire Co. Ltd. has a lot of work to do before it can regain customer loyalty lost due to mistakes made after its purchase of Safeway Canada, its new chief executive said on Wednesday.

Focus groups suggest "we really did let them down" but there's still loyalty to Safeway in the West that can be recaptured, Michael Medline told analysts. It was his first conference call since becoming the head of Canada's second-

largest grocery chain, which also owns Sobeys.

"You've got to be priced right and that's pretty basic. But I think we strayed away about talking about our overall value proposition," Medline said.

"Canadians should shop (with) us for a variety of reasons and we got focused on talking only about price."

Empire reported a modest profit on Wednesday after recovering from a huge loss in last year's third quarter, when

its previous CEO oversaw a writedown involving its businesses in Western Canada.

Excluding the writedowns, Empire's earnings in this year's third quarter fell by 58 per cent to \$34.6 million. Its revenue dropped by \$137.4 million to \$5.89 billion.

Medline said that company management has made progress on getting product pricing right and stabilizing the profit margins.

Based in Stellarton, N.S.,

Empire had \$30.5 million of net income for the company's fiscal third quarter ended Feb. 4, or 11 cents per share under generally accepted accounting principles.

A year earlier, Empire had a loss of \$1.37 billion or \$5.03 per share, mostly due to a write-down of the Safeway chain — which Sobeys purchased for \$5.8 billion in cash in November 2013 to expand its presence in Western Canada.

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## Hit-and-run victim remembered

A Cheticamp man who died after a hit-and-run incident on Highway 125 in Sydney is being remembered as a person who loved life and his family.

Jackie Deveau was struck by a vehicle while walking on the highway, near Exit 8 in Sydney, around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, not long before he made a 911 call seeking help.

The 54-year-old man was taken to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

"My brother was the type of person who was selfless, he was always giving, he would always see the best in people—he didn't have a judgmental bone in his

body," Ida LeLievre, Deveau's sister said. "He would always want to help you in any way he could."

Deveau spent 35 years with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served as a peacekeeper in Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait in the early 1990s and also helped with the cleanup of Swissair Flight 11. Deveau was diagnosed with PTSD three years after participating in the Swissair cleanup. The investigation is ongoing and RCMP are looking to speak with the driver of a grey Volkswagen, which is believed to have struck Deveau. LeLievre is encouraging the person who hit her brother to come forward and take responsibility. TC MEDIA

RIVERDALE

## Madelaine Petsch to shoot film at local school



**Cody McEachern**  
For Metro | Halifax

Fans of the new Riverdale series should keep an eye out for the vibrant red hair of the show's character Cheryl Blossom.

Madelaine Petsch, who plays the rich and manipulative mean girl of the show's Riverdale High School, based on the Archie comics, will be in Halifax to film the upcoming horror movie Polaroid.

Media outlets have reported the film, which is currently being shot in Dartmouth, is produced by Roy Lee and Chris Bender, who've produced movies such as The Ring, The

Grudge, The Hangover and The Lego Movie.

Production has started at the Prince Andrew High School, and the film is expected to be released Aug. 25.

Based on a short by Lars Klevberg, the film is about a high school loner who finds an old Polaroid camera that kills the people who appear in its photos. The loner and her friends must survive through the night as they try to solve the mystery of the camera.

Alongside Petsch, the film features stars from other horror and thriller works such as Mitch Pileggi (The X-Files), Grace Zabriskie (The Grudge), and Keenan Tracey (Bates Motel).

# Trans student has big birthday wish

LGBTQ

### Kenny Cooley is hoping to be on Ellen DeGeneres



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

After a busy school year that included international media attention for being the first trans player on his high school football team, Kenny Cooley has his eyes set on another goal.

He hopes to appear on the Ellen DeGeneres Show on or around his 18th birthday on April 27 to further spread his message of acceptance and encouraging people to pursue their dreams "no matter what."

"I don't want people to just say 'Oh that guy's from the football team, the first trans guy.' I want them to say, 'Look, that guy follows his dreams so I can do it as well,'" Cooley said.

"I want them to say 'That guy is making a difference. I want to do what he is doing.' I want to inspire people to do things on their own. To not be afraid."

The Halifax West High School student recently began hormone therapy, is enjoying his job at Starbucks, and is celebrating the fact his football team won the Tier II champion-



**Halifax West Warrior's Kenny Cooley is hoping enough social media attention could bring him to the Ellen show.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

ship in November.

He said his friends have been reaching out to DeGeneres via social media and her website in the hopes of getting Cooley a spot on the show.

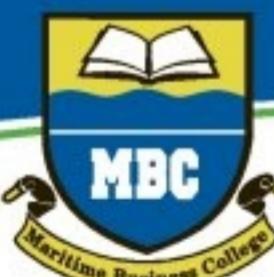
He hopes those who agree

with his message of acceptance will also put in a good word for him.

"I want to share that you have to remember there are always people out there who don't accept (you), but keep

your head held high," he said.

"Many people...have reached out to me to say I'm inspiring. I don't see myself as inspiring. I see myself as 'This is my life. I'm going to do what I need to do to make myself happy.'"

  
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Former Nova Scotia Fisheries Minister **Sterling Belliveau** talks with reporters after a meeting in Amherst in May 2013. The NDP member says a boundary review needs to address earlier changes to Acadian districts. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Court threat over boundary review

## ELECTION

### Former cabinet minister mulls legal move if vote called first

The possibility of a provincial election without a review of Nova Scotia's electoral boundaries is prompting a veteran NDP member of the legislature to consider taking the Liberal government to court.

Sterling Belliveau, a cabinet minister in the former NDP government of Premier Darrell Dexter, says he's in the process of talking to lawyers about possible legal action.

In an interview Wednesday, Belliveau said he is acting of his own accord and not on behalf of his party.

"We will see what the future brings but I hope other people join in the parade," he said.

Last week the Opposition Progressive Conservatives said they were considering legal options after a court ruling recently found that a previous boundary redrawing by the former NDP government violated the voter rights section of the Charter of Rights.

The Acadian Federation of Nova Scotia took court action after the 2012 boundary change eliminated three protected Acadian districts.

Belliveau voted against the boundary changes while in government because they also split his then district of Shelburne, merging half with Queens County and the other half with the Barrington area.

"I said you can't do that without consultation and I truly believe when you do something like that it affects a lot of people," said Belliveau. "This (review) is a proper process that needs to be followed and our Charter of Rights gives us those protections."

Electoral boundary commissions are appointed by a legis-

Office of Acadian Affairs, has refused to divulge the government's response to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal ruling. Talks are ongoing with the Acadian Federation about how to proceed.

Samson has said the outcome of those discussions will be made public.

Belliveau said there is plenty of time left in the government's current mandate to call for a new boundary review. He noted that a similar exercise is currently being conducted in Prince Edward Island.

"They've engaged their electoral boundaries commission and are proceeding exactly the way I think we should here in Nova Scotia."

**This review is a proper process that needs to be followed and our Charter of Rights gives us those protections.** Sterling Belliveau

lature committee to prepare a report, for approval by the legislature, that recommends the names and boundaries of a riding.

To date, Michel Samson, the minister responsible for the

Following January's court ruling Samson said the government is open to having an independent boundaries commission examine the province's 51 ridings.

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# A Canadian, three Russians and Yahoo

## LEGAL

## Young man allegedly paid to access hacked accounts

A 22-year-old Kazakh-Canadian man with expensive taste is facing charges of identity theft and conspiracy to commit computer fraud in connection with one of the biggest data breaches ever — the theft of 500 million Yahoo user accounts in early 2014.

Karim Baratov, a dual national of Kazakhstan and Canada, was arrested on Tuesday morning at his home in Ancaster, Ont. by Toronto Police and handed over to the RCMP, according to police spokesperson Mark Pugash.

Baratov is accused of being paid by two Russian spies to break into the email accounts of targeted individuals, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The two members of the Russian intelligence agency FSB, Dmitry Dokuchaev, 33, and Igor Sushchin, 43, and Russian hacker Aleksey Belan, 29, who was on the FBI's most wanted cyber criminals list and has been previously indicted twice for computer fraud, are facing more serious charges of criminal espionage, computer hacking and conspiracy-related offences after being indicted along with Baratov by a grand jury in northern California at the end of February.

The stolen information from the Yahoo hack was used to break into the email accounts of Russian journalists, U.S. and Russian government officials and employees in private-sector companies, according to the Justice Department release. Belan allegedly used the access to the 500 million email accounts for "personal financial gain."



Karim Baratov, a Canadian man of Kazakh origins, has been arrested as one of four suspects in a massive hack of Yahoo emails, Toronto police said. INSTAGRAM



to the indictment.

Among the targeted individuals were the former Minister of Development of a country bordering Russia and his wife, the assistant to the Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation, employees of a major Russian cybersecurity firm, Russian officials including one who worked in the bureau that investigates cybercrime, the CEO of a metals mining company in a country bordering Russia, prominent bankers in countries bordering Russia and an International Monetary Fund official.

Some of the email addresses could be accessed because of the Yahoo email hack, through the recovery email account function. Baratov allegedly also used a technique known as "spear phishing" to try and gain access

to target email addresses. It entails sending out emails from an apparently trustworthy sender to obtain information like login credentials or infect computers with malware.

Baratov was allegedly paid to obtain unauthorized access to more than 80 email accounts, including 50 Google accounts. He generally charged about \$100 (USD) per account and was paid at least \$1,000 in "money and other things of value" between April 2015 and 2016, according to the indictment.

If he is convicted, prosecutors will seek a forfeiture order for Baratov's PayPal account and the fancy cars he was well-known for in Ancaster — an Aston Martin DBS with the licence plate "MR KARIM" and a black Mercedes-Benz. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## A lavish lifestyle

In the photo, Karim Baratov leans against his sleek black Mercedes, parked next to his vanity-plated Aston Martin in the driveway of his Ancaster home.

In scouring extensive social media accounts that appear to belong to Baratov, examining property records and speaking with neighbours and former classmates, a profile has emerged of the young Canadian of Kazakh origin caught up in this major cross-border digital crime. Social media entries that appear to have been posted by Baratov portray the life of a wealthy young man with money to burn on luxury cars, arm-length tattoos and

performance-enhancing work-out supplements.

Classmates recalled that Baratov began driving flashy cars and wearing expensive clothes in high school.

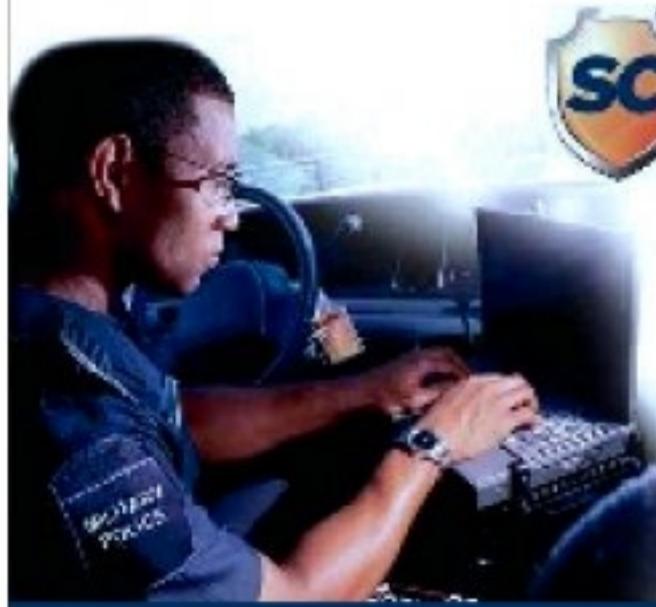
"He had the biggest amount of disposable income that I'd ever seen for a person that age," said Jake Hagen, who started going to school with Baratov in Grade 7.

"He bought his friends everything (like) clothes, and he'd take them all out to dinner," Hagen added. "He was a guy who very much understood that he was very well off and that people hung out with him because he had money."

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## HEALTH

## Immigrants have 60% lower mortality rate than Canadians

Immigrants are 60 per cent less likely to die during a given time period than native-born Canadians and long-term residents, says a study that examines mortality rates based on immigration and socioeconomic status.

According to the joint study by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and the University of Toronto, immigrants had a much lower death rate than non-immigrants, even if they happen to live in the most deprived areas in the province.

The mortality rate, or death rate, is a measure of the number of deaths in the population, typically indicated in units of deaths per 1,000 people over a specific time frame. Immigrants' lower mortality rate translated into 42,700 fewer deaths overall and

**“** Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at.

Laura Rosella

18,400 fewer premature deaths during the study period from 2002 to 2012, the study said.

"We were surprised by the magnitude of the difference. It's big and substantial," said UofT epidemiologist Laura Rosella, the lead author of the research paper.

Based on population and demographic databases, as well as census results and immigration records, the study examined the mortality rates across the socioeconomic spectrum among immigrants, native-born Canadians and long-term residents who came here before 1985. There were 934,765 deaths

registered in Ontario during the study period, including 19,501 deaths among female immigrants and 20,514 deaths among male immigrants.

"Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at. Even when they are in lower socioeconomic status, they are still healthier," Rosella said. She attributed this partially to what's known as the "healthy immigrant effect," a trend where newcomers to Canada are healthier than the Canadian population, though over time, their health as well as that of their children declines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



People wait in line to vote in the Dutch general elections in The Hague on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

## Dutch say no to far right

**VOTE**

### PM Mark Rutte beat anti-Islam leader Geert Wilders

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Wednesday claimed a dominating parliamentary election victory over anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders, who failed the year's first litmus test for populism in Europe.

The Netherlands' main exit poll suggested Rutte's party won 31 seats in the 150-member legislature, 12 more than Wilders' party, which shared second place with two other parties.

Following Britain's vote to leave the European Union and Donald Trump's election as U.S. president, "the Netherlands said, 'Whoa! Stop!' to the wrong kind of populism," said Rutte, who is now poised for a third term as prime minister.

"We want to stick to the course we have — safe and stable and prosperous," he added.

Wilders had insisted that whatever the result of the election, the kind of populist politics he

and others in Europe represent aren't going away.

"Rutte has not seen the back of me!" Wilders said in a Twitter message after the exit poll results had sunk in.

Both France and Germany have elections this year in which far-right candidates and parties are hoping to make an impact.

Rutte, who for much of the campaign appeared to be racing to keep pace with Wilders, may have profited from the hard line he drew in a diplomatic standoff with Turkey over the past week.

Under brilliant skies, the Dutch went to vote in huge numbers, with turnout estimated to have reached at 82 per cent.

In a subplot of the elections, the Ipsos exit poll had the Green Left party registering a historic victory, turning it into the largest party on the left wing of Dutch politics for the first time.

The Greens leapt from four seats to 16 in parliament after a strong campaign by charismatic leader Jesse Klaver, who invites comparisons to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, according to the exit poll. "This is a fantastic result for us," Green Left chairwoman Marjolein Meijer said.

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## Dutch vote only the first step

The Dutch vote is likely to resonate across borders, even though local campaign issues differ. Here's a look at Europe's upcoming electoral battlegrounds:

### FRANCE

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has set the tone for the campaign for France's election with her anti-immigrant and anti-globalization program.

Le Pen argues that Muslim immigration and economic globalization are destroying France's identity, and polls suggest she could advance to the second round of France's election, set for April 23 and May 7.

### GERMANY

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, seen abroad as a bulwark of tolerance, is seeking re-election in September.

Committed to European unity, Merkel's conservatives face a challenge from the nationalist Alternative for Germany party.

### ITALY

Italy is facing a national parliamentary election in 2018 unless anti-establishment parties succeed in getting earlier polling, after pro-EU Premier Matteo Renzi resigned following the failure of a reforms referendum in December.

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

## Judge in Hawaii puts Muslim ban on hold

Hours before it was to take effect, President Donald Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold Wednesday by a federal judge in Hawaii after hearing arguments that the executive order discriminates on the basis of nationality.

The ruling came as opponents renewed their legal challenges across the country, asking judges in three states to block the executive order that targets people from six predominantly Muslim countries.

More than half a dozen states are trying to stop the ban, and federal courts in Maryland, Washington state and Hawaii heard arguments about whether it should be put into practice early Thursday.

U.S. District Court Judge Derrick Watson's decision prevents the executive order from going into effect, at least for now. Hawaii had requested a temporary restraining order.

Hawaii also argued that the ban would prevent residents

from receiving visits from relatives in the six countries covered by the order. The state says the ban would harm its tourism industry and the ability to recruit foreign students and workers.

In Maryland, attorneys told a federal judge that the measure still discriminates against Muslims.

Government attorneys argued that the ban was revised substantially to address legal concerns, including the removal of an exemption for religious

minorities from the affected countries.

The new version of the ban details more of a national security rationale. It is narrower and eases some concerns about violating the due-process rights of travellers.

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# Banking practices probed

## FINANCE

## Employees say customers are being pressured

Ottawa has launched an investigation into the business practices of Canada's financial institutions after allegations that big banks have been pressuring and even "tricking" customers into buying their products and services.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada — an independent government agency that enforces consumer protection legislation — announced Wednesday that it will launch a review of business practices in the federally regulated financial sector in April.

In a statement, FCAC commissioner Lucie Tedesco expressed concern with recent allegations related to the sale of products and services by financial institutions to consumers without properly obtaining their prior express consent.

The CBC recently reported that it's been flooded with stories from employees of all five of Canada's big banks about "how they feel pressured to upsell, trick and even lie to customers to meet unrealistic sales targets and keep their jobs."

The news has fuelled calls for a parliamentary inquiry. The banks have responded in recent statements that they are acting in the best interests of their customers. The banks look forward to co-operating with the agency's review, said Terry Campbell, president of the



In a CBC program aired last week, TD employees spoke out about feeling "incredible pressure" to meet "unrealistic" sales targets by signing customers up for unnecessary financial products. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian Bankers Association.

In the first CBC program on the issue aired last week, three TD employees spoke out about feeling "incredible pressure" to meet "unrealistic" sales targets by signing customers up for unnecessary financial products.

CBC followed with another story after it received almost

1,000 emails from employees of the five banks across the country that described "the pressures to hit targets that are monitored weekly, daily and in some cases hourly," according to an article on the network's website.

Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan likened the situation

to similar allegations facing Wells Fargo last year. In that case, the U.S. bank issued an apology and paid large penalties after regulators concluded that its employees had opened millions of unauthorized accounts and credit cards on behalf of clients.

"I can't remember ever hearing of anything of this magnitude happening in Canada," Shanahan told The Canadian Press. "It hasn't reached scandal proportions yet, but it's certainly blowing up."

Shanahan said banks are feeling intense pressure from investors to continue growing their earnings and profitability in spite of headwinds such as rock bottom interest rates and higher capital requirements. That pressure trickles down to executives and, ultimately, customer-facing sales representatives, Shanahan said.

"I don't think we've heard the worst of this yet. This is going to probably get a lot worse before it gets better."

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## HOUSEHOLDS

## Debt hits another record

The amount Canadians owe compared with how much they earn hit another record high last year.

Statistics Canada said the amount of household credit market debt rose to 167.3 per cent of adjusted household disposable income in the fourth quarter, up from 166.8 per cent in the third quarter.

That means there was \$1.67 in credit market debt for every dollar of adjusted household disposable income.

"After slowing to a stable year-over-year pace by late-2013, growth in this debt ratio has since accelerated again alongside torrid gains in the Vancouver and Toronto housing markets," said Robert Kavcic, BMO Capital Markets senior economist.

Fuelled by mortgages and low interest rates, household debt has been climbing steadily in recent years.

Policy-makers have raised concerns about household debt and see it as a key risk to the economy.

While interest rates have been low for years, making borrowing money cheap for Canadians, some have expressed concerns about what could happen when rates rise or if there is a shock to the economy that results in a large number of job losses.

The increase in the key debt ratio came as income rose by 1.1 per cent, while household credit market debt gained 1.2 per cent.

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## SHAZLIN RAHMAN ON MUSLIM SOLIDARITY



A mosque shooting, anti-Muslim protests, arson, vandalism and, recently, a bomb threat.

The past two months has seen unprecedented levels of verbal and physical attacks on Muslims across Canada. Now that the vigils and rallies have subsided, how do you continue supporting Muslims?

Strengthen your relationships with Muslims now; don't wait for another tragedy — that was my key message during my talk at the Parkdale Against Islamophobia and the U.S. Travel Ban town hall.

My fellow panellists — an immigration lawyer, a community legal worker and MPP Cheri DiNovo — called for changes to our immigration and refugee policies.

While systemic change is critical, I work in community engagement and I've observed many Canadians grappling with how to show support beyond attending vigils and rallies. I opted to share simple relation-building actions people can take with that room full of Muslims and non-Muslims at the Parkdale Library.

Here are the five actions I shared:

1. Offer a ride to a Muslim woman.

When the shooting happened, I imposed a curfew on myself and I would take a cab instead of public transit at night. I was protecting myself from the spate of anti-Muslim assaults that inevitably follow incidents targeting Muslims. Women are inherently vulnerable in public spaces; imagine the increased lack of safety visible Muslim women experience when Islamophobic sentiments are high. Offer a ride to a female



Don't wait for another tragedy, writes Rahman. GETTY IMAGES

Muslim neighbour, colleague or friend to help them travel safely.

2. Continue and deepen the conversation.

I was invited to tea at a friend's place last weekend. I was apprehensive about going but I was soon in deep conversation with three other people I had never met. We talked about living in Canada as a Muslim, as a young person facing precarious employment, and as an educator in a marginalized neighbourhood. It was a beautiful moment of bridge-building on a deep interpersonal level, and it restored the sense safety I had lost since the Quebec mosque shooting. I observed many beautiful conversations this past month at rallies, vigils, on Facebook and Twitter. Now think about the Muslims with whom you've had brief exchanges and invite them to tea and deepen that connection.

3. Share a meal.

When I co-organized



Toronto's first Open Iftar last summer, I witnessed something beautiful: how sharing a meal bonded Muslim and non-Muslim community members in my neighbourhood. Food is a universal language and eating together is a powerful catalyst for healing conversations. Even though some guests arrived feeling nervous, they were soon chatting and laughing alongside one another once the food was served. Invite a Muslim colleague, friend or neighbour to breakfast or lunch if you already have a relationship with them. Or, to help take the pressure off of them, invite a group of together for a block party or potluck.

4. Organize a play date.

Children are usually the ones to take the first step across a divide. I learned this from simply watching my young nieces interact with other children; the adults around them often follow suit by letting their guards down

and starting a conversation. If you feel nervous about getting to know someone, let the children take the lead. Invite a Muslim mom or dad — or both — to an afternoon play date at your house or at the park. I've also observed how every adult in the room will instinctively jump to their feet to help the moment a child falls down. As parents, your shared desire to raise your family in a safe and healthy environment can be the common ground from which deep and meaningful conversations will start.

5. Ask: "What do you need?"

If you are in doubt on how to support Muslims, ask them what they need. I have been inundated with people asking me how they feel, and responding each time is emotionally daunting. I appreciate people who ask me what I need instead. For example, a good friend of mine regularly asks if I needed to talk. As a result, I was able to give her a call whenever I feel overwhelmed. Similar to any community that is grieving, there are no prescriptive ways to support Muslims. They are diverse, they have varied needs and they heal in different ways. Find out what they need to heal.

Making friends across differences shouldn't be hinged upon tragedies, but non-Muslim Canadians can leverage these moments to undo the ignorance at the root of Islamophobia. Don't wait for another tragedy to act.

**Shazlin Rahman** is a Malaysian-born and Toronto-based writer, social justice advocate and stakeholder engagement specialist at the Inspirit Foundation.

## Women have enough to do, we can't fix wage inequality alone, too



Vicky Mochama  
Metro

If you're a young woman or a woman of colour, you're apparently never supposed to ask about money for work you do.

The Winnipeg-based food delivery company Skip the Dishes got into trouble when a prospective employee shared e-mails showing the company had cancelled her second interview after she asked about pay and benefits. The interviewee, Taylor Byrnes, actually apologized at the same time she asked, saying, "Sorry, I just thought I should ask now." (The company has since apologized and offered Byrnes the second interview.)

It's not just entry-level office jobs that don't want to pay women for their labour.

The Next Web, a tech conference held in Amsterdam this year, sent out offers for speakers including Luvvie Ajayi, a New York Times best-selling author whose book is being turned into a TV show by Shonda "I Own Primetime TV" Rhimes. Ajayi's speaking agent was told that the conference, which nets millions in sponsorships, didn't have a budget for speakers.

If she could just bounce over to Amsterdam for free, that'd be great. Ajayi turned them down.

Being a working woman is exhausting for many reasons: tights are a scam invented by Big Pantyhose, having to hold back screams when men say your own ideas back to you and well, that whole sexual harassment thing.

But one of the most ex-

hausting things, aside from the actual work itself, is knowing that money you've earned is being kept from you.

In Byrnes' case, the company initially said that even asking about money "at such an early stage" showed that her "priorities are not in sync with those of SkipTheDishes."

In the Lean In school feminism, women are told that they're not asking for enough money (we're not), and that there's some magical combination of ways to ask successfully. The reality is that by attrition and by opacity, women are not being compensated for their labour.

We see this most starkly in industries that are most often dominated by women like nursing, caregiving, and retail. Women also make up a majority of part-time and low-income work.

It should not just be on women to do the asking, but also on companies to offer. Income transparency is one way to put a little more equity into the workforce. Three Nordic countries — Norway, Sweden and Finland — all have a version of income transparency that allows citizens to see each other's tax records. You want to know what your colleague makes? Google it, then negotiate.

Along with other public policy fixes such as non-transferable paid paternity leave (dads must pay their dues in the diaper mines), and gender quotas in public institutions, women in the Nordic countries are much less likely to be shortchanged for their work.

The work that women do is invaluable, but that doesn't mean it's not worth paying for.



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## SUSTAINABILITY WITH STYLE HOW TO LIVE A BIODEGRADABLE LIFE

We often lament about how nothing lasts anymore. But for a new wave of biodegradable home-related items, breaking down is a good thing. "There is a pull towards being more sustainable from designers and artists, which is now gaining momentum and becoming more fashionable," says designer Spencer Jenkins, who makes furniture and sculptures that are woven, carved or steamed from wood and willow. "This needs to happen if the world as a whole is to survive." We rounded up stylish products that can be enjoyed guilt-free. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



### 4 Sit back, relax on some flax

Christien Meindertsma's **flax chair** will soon be available in Canada, says a spokesperson for Label-Breed. The chair is made from flax fibres combined with PLA (polylactic acid made from sugarcane and corn starch). \$681, thomaseyck.com.



### 4 Weaving willow wonders

U.K. artist Spencer Jenkins creates modern **furniture and sculptures with traditional materials such as willow**. His creations range from bespoke furniture, wall and garden sculptures to the massive willow arches he created as lead artist to celebrate the Queen's 60th Jubilee Celebrations in 2012. You can commission your own willow creation from Jenkins, who is happy to ship across the pond. Norfolk Pebble chair, \$9,799; Wall sculptures, \$816 to \$1143, spencerjenkins.co.uk.

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# Why she toned down the torture of her characters

## INTERVIEW

## Chevy Stevens faced criticism for writing violent scenes

**Sue Carter**

For Metro Canada



Chevy Stevens is hiding in her washroom. If this was a scene from one of her novels, she might be trying to escape a kidnapper, but, in reality, this is the only place Stevens can find a few minutes of quiet for this interview, away from her inquisitive four-year-old daughter.

Being a mother has changed not only Stevens' life, but her approach to writing. Now that the Vancouver Island author has a kid, she's more aware of what she puts down on paper.

"I don't write about a child being hurt now, that's for sure," she says. "I have a phobia that if I wrote something about a child and something happened in my

real life, I would be terrified that I brought it. I know — as if I'm godlike, or have that power — but this is a secret hidden fear and superstition."

Her latest, *Never Let You Go*, follows Lindsey Nash, a young mom who escapes in the dead of night from her abusive husband, Andrew. Eleven years later with her life happily re-established, she discovers that Andrew is out of prison, and although legally he must stay away from her and her now-teenage daughter Sophie, Lindsey can't shake the chilling sense she's being watched. The story switches perspectives between Lindsey's growing fears and Sophie's conflicted desire to know her father, with a giant twister of an ending.

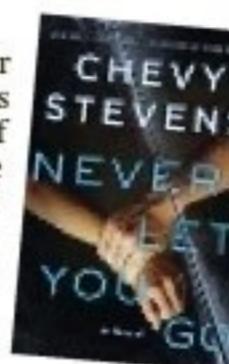
*Never Let You Go* is a departure from Stevens' previous five books, all of which are set on Vancouver Island. For one, there is much less graphic physical violence, something Stevens has never shied away from since her 2010 debut, *Still Missing*, about a real-estate agent who is tortured in a remote cabin.

Written while Stevens was

working as a realtor herself — her books often emerge out of her own fears — she sold her own home so she could focus on writing full-time. The gamble paid off: the manuscript landed Stevens an agent, a three-book publishing deal, and turned her into an international bestselling breakout star.

While Stevens' thrillers have been praised for their gripping, no-apologies storytelling and strong female protagonists, she has occasionally faced criticism over the violence inflicted on them by male characters.

"I think I was in a darker place in my own life. I just didn't want to go there anymore," she says. "I wanted to experiment with how to make something really suspenseful. I wanted to show how someone can keep you constantly scared, even if they're not doing something directly to you. How do I write a really scary book that is about physical violence, but without it being about women being



abducted or murdered, or serial killers, or all those typical things?"

Although *Never Let You Go* is not autobiographical, Stevens admits she was influenced subconsciously by memories of her father, who died when she was 22. Like Andrew, Stevens' dad was an alcoholic, who became violent when drinking.

"He would smash or break things, and he had a lot of problems with anger. But my dad was a great guy," she says. "It's so hard to explain, even in your own mind, I still feel protective when I talk about him sometimes."

In hindsight, Stevens also directly relates to a few scenes between Sophie and Andrew, but says the parallels were unintentional.

"This isn't an agenda book," she says adamantly. "I didn't write it thinking, 'I'm going to sit down and process all these feelings about my father,' but sometimes I would step outside myself and think, 'Holy crap,



*Never Let You Go* is about domestic abuse, but Chevy Stevens says it's more suspenseful and less violent than her previous work.

I've totally been there."

However, Stevens did imagine while writing that some day she hopes to enjoy a tightknit relationship with her offspring, like the one between Lindsey and Sophie.

"It was my way of projecting onto the future," she says. "It is a love story, but it's a mother-daughter love story."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# Good girls who deserved much better

**THE SHOW:** *Good Girls Revolt*, Season 1, Episode 1 (Amazon Prime)

**THE MOMENT:** Nora quits

At *News of the Week* magazine in 1969, young men are writers, and young women are researchers, making them look good. But new researcher Nora Ephron (Grace Gummer) wrote a story, and wants a byline.

"That's not the way we do things here," growls editor Wick McFadden (Jim Belushi).

"Your rules are dumb," Nora says. "If copy's good, it's good." Now the whole room is listening.

"Young lady, you might not want to make waves, lest we have doubts about our decision to hire you," Wick says. "Back to work, dear."

"This is ridiculous," Nora says. "I quit." "Your name is all you have in journalism. So good luck, Nora Ephron," Wick says. He turns to another researcher. "Get me a cup of coffee, willya?"

This subject is dear to my

heart. As a newbie journalist in New York 15 years later, I stood on the shoulders of these women, who risked everything to sue their employers for equal opportunity. So I wanted to love this show.

But it's so on the nose that watching it practically gives you a bloody nose from being repeatedly punched on the nose. Every scene is the same: the women do bold things, the men squash them.

And the dialog! "I'm young,

I want to tiptoe through the tulips. I feel like you're putting me in a box," says insurrection leader Patti (Genevieve Angelson, perfectly cast) to her writer boyfriend.

"You're not a reporter, you're a researcher," he replies. "And we had a date." These good girls deserve better.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



*Good Girls Revolt* is so on the nose it practically leaves viewers bloodied. CONTRIBUTED

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## Sing a song for Calgary's National Music Centre

Calgary may be Canada's unofficial country music capital, but all kinds of music are celebrated at Cowtown's National Music Centre.

Part of a new facility built around the King Edward Hotel, one of Canada's oldest blues bars, the NMC catalogues the nation's musical heritage over its five floors and 22 "stages" (the institution's preferred name for its galleries).

Its collection of some 2,000 musical instruments spans over 450 years, with the oldest being a 1560 Italian Virginal, a harpsichord-like instrument that's still playable. Other treasures on display include the 1959 Gibson Les

Paul guitar that Randy Bachman used to write Guess Who hits like Undun and American Woman, Alanis Morissette's harmonica, as well as TONTO, one of the world's first synthesizers.

The NMC is also interactive. Its artists in residence — who have included Australian hitmaker Gotye, Daniel Lanois and Timber Timbre — compose on site, and visitors are encouraged to interact with many of the exhibits. Aspiring musicians aged 13 to 19 can even learn to play an instrument and write music at the weekly Jam Club. And the sandwiches are free.

SEAN PLUMMER



The NMC catalogues the nation's musical heritage, including the Tragically Hip and Celine Dion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



St. Paul, Alberta, built a UFO landing pad in a bid to boost tourism. ISTOCK

## Alien Nation

Sure, Canada turns 150 this year, but don't forget that other anniversary: the 50th year of the UFO landing pad in St. Paul.

In a bid to boost tourism, the tiny Alberta town built the world's first UFO landing pad to mark Canada's

1967 centennial and give visiting Martians a place to park their ride.

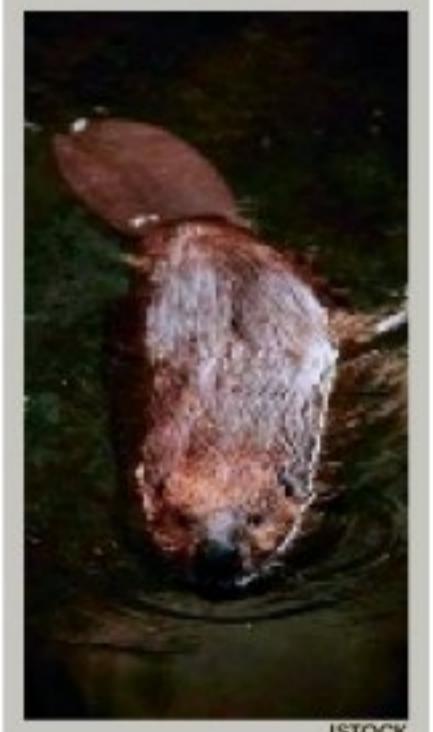
Tourists who don't happen to spot an alien spacecraft can console themselves with inflatable aliens and novelty T-shirts from the town's gift shop. SEAN PLUMMER



### Alberta beavers give a dam

It sounds boastful to claim that Alberta has the busiest beavers, but it does. Case in point: the 850-metre long beaver dam located along the southern border of Wood Buffalo National Park. Biologists estimate it would have taken at least 20 years to build, and it's the largest beaver dam ever discovered. First spotted in 2007 in photos from Google Earth, it exists in a remote part of the park, inaccessible to humans but not, presumably, to beavers.

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## Reconsidering the humble garage

DESIGN

**More than a home for cars, it's a place to also tinker**

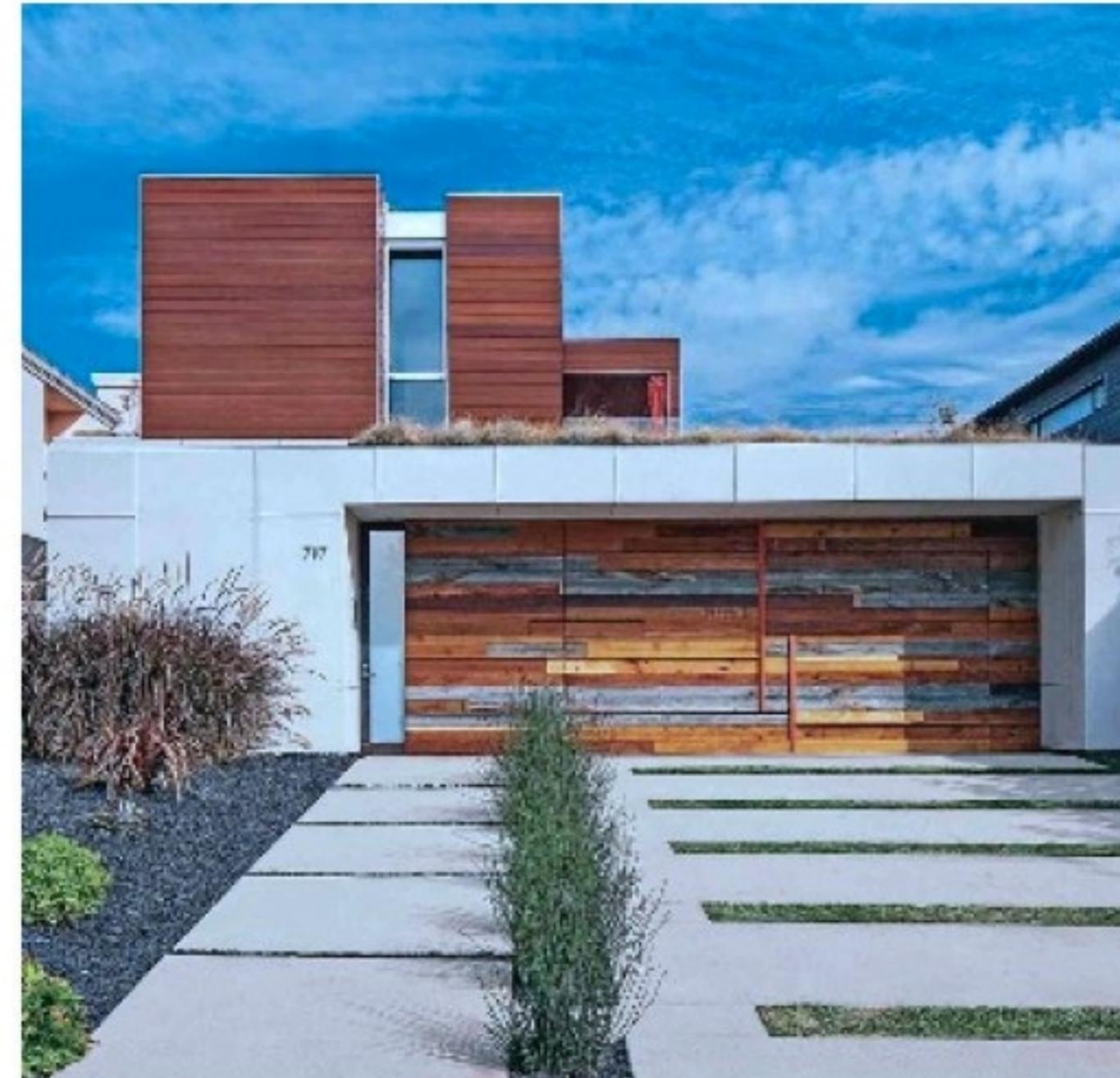
Silicon Valley started in the Palo Alto, Calif., garage of the Packard family, where Hewlett-Packard was founded, according to the National Register of Historic Places. Steve Jobs launched Apple in his parents' garage. And dozens of American bands started in garages. Amazon, Disney, Google, Harley-Davidson? All famously launched out of garages.

Garages have, for generations, been places for tinkering and creating, where kids build soapbox-derby cars or refinish kayaks. Some garages are home to small catering kitchens or extensive wine collections, and many feature extra refrigerators or freezers. And of course, they often serve as a deep storage and workshop space.

Designers and architects say the idea of the garage as the ultimate multi-purpose room is alive and well, and that modern garages are finally being seriously retooled to better suit those myriad uses.

"When it comes to garage design, functionality is always key. I'm seeing a lot more glass garage doors, whether frosted or clear. It's more fitting for most modern homes, and makes the space more versatile because it lets in the light," said Jonathan Savage of Nashville-based Savage Interior Design.

"A car collector might want to park in a garage every day to protect their investments,



**The facade of the garage door, a focal point of a panelized house designed by Minarc, was created with scrap pieces of wood and left over quartz from the interior countertops. The house is featured in the book *Prefabulous Small Houses* by Sheri Koones.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

but I store my wine in my garage," he said.

Raw concrete floors are out, frequently replaced by more versatile epoxy or modular rubber flooring, designers say.

"Clients want a floor that can be easily cleaned and mopped, like any other room in the

house," Savage said.

And if the garage has windows, he includes window treatments that match those in other parts of the house. Storage units on wheels can be easily rearranged in a pinch, he says, and some garages include not just refrigerators but kitchenettes.

Margaret Mayfield, an architect living in Los Osos, Calif., keeps her washer and dryer in the garage, with most of the floor reserved as a workspace for refinishing furniture and other tinkering projects. Her family's three cars are parked in the driveway, never in the



**Frosted doors on the garage of architect Margaret Mayfield in Los Osos, Calif. help let the light in.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

garage.

"You're supposed to keep your cars in the garage, but I hardly know anyone who does," said David Hirsch, a partner at Urban Architectural Initiatives who splits his time between California and New York City.

"My neighbour uses his for woodworking projects, and my daughter uses hers as a sort of casual space and playroom for the kids. And for deep storage. I guess that's another common use for garages," he said.

Even the carport Hirsch designed for his own Palo Alto, Calif., home — a steel framework over a gravel driveway — goes unused, he said.

Sheri Koones, author of *Prefabulous Small Houses* (Taunton, 2016) and other books on home building, says garage doors are getting more attention these days.

"Individualizing a garage door makes the entire house look much more interesting," she said, citing a recently constructed

house in Santa Monica, Calif., where leftover strips of orange kitchen counter were used to build a striking and artistic garage door.

"They purchased a garage door without siding, laid it all out in the driveway and, using scraps from the construction, really made a gorgeous piece of art," she said. "They made it into so much more than just an ordinary garage door. It's the most beautiful garage door I've seen anybody do, and it adds so much to the look of the whole house."

Koones also said there is greater demand now for good ventilation in garages, for built-in fittings to facilitate organization, and for garages that are separate from the rest of the house, as opposed to attached garages.

"The garage is such a useful and important space in American culture, and making optimal use of it is much cheaper and more convenient than renting an extra space somewhere," said Hirsch.

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AROMA

## Welcome spring into your home with stovetop potpourri

If you've had enough of winter and long for a warm-ish spring day when you can open up the windows and let some fresh air inside, you aren't alone.

Scented candles and room fresheners are popular ways to try to mask stale air. These products often contain ingredients that can be irritating for many people.

"Stovetop simmer pots are essentially an old-fashioned diffuser," says Natacha Rey, founder of Maison Apothecare, an all-natural products retailer

based in Oakville, Ont.

Rey has developed a line of home and personal care products that are naturally scented using pure essential oils. Rey's oils sell for \$25 a bottle — but it's also possible to make your own for a few dollars. It's as simple as throwing a few fresh ingredients into a pot on the stove.

We've been experimenting in the kitchen and have come up with three recipes to help make your home smell like spring using a stovetop pot-

pourri made from citrus fruits and herbs simmering in a pot of water.

The technique is easy: throw the ingredients into a pot, add enough water to cover them, bring to a boil, then turn down the heat and simmer away.

### Lemon, rosemary, vanilla

The ingredients create a lemony, woodsy aroma. Hint: Vanilla extract gives a bolder scent than the pod.

• 3 slices of lemon (you could also opt for lemon peel)

• 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary  
• A few drops of vanilla extract (you could also add a piece of a vanilla pod)

### Grapefruit, lemon thyme, cardamom

This blend was inspired by a cocktail. Grapefruit is known to be uplifting, energizing and invigorating. As its name implies, lemon thyme also has a slightly citrus scent. Cardamom is aromatic and has a warming effect.

• 3 slices of grapefruit (you could also opt for just the peel)

• 2 sprigs of fresh lemon thyme  
• 4 crushed cardamom pods (opt for 6 for a stronger scent)

### Lime, mint, lemongrass

Lime and citrus make this combination like a mojito for your senses. Mint is known to have a cooling effect and the scent of lemongrass is calming.

• 3 slices of lime (you could also opt for lime peel)  
• 2 sprigs of fresh mint  
• A four-inch (10 cm) piece of sliced lemongrass

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**Banish stale air and food smells.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Mooseheads topple Isles

QMJHL

**Halifax still in playoff hunt with big win**



While technically it wasn't a must-win game, the Halifax Mooseheads picked up two huge points on Wednesday night to remain in a playoff position.

Overage forward Jake Coughler scored his third goal of the game in overtime against his former team to give the Mooseheads a 6-5 win over the Charlottetown Islanders in front of 7,772 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

"We did exactly what we wanted to do," said Coughler who helped the Mooseheads snap a seven-game losing streak.

"We've been practising hard all week and it's been really frustrating this past month."

The Mooseheads held a three-goal lead in the third period, but the QMJHL's top scoring team stormed back to force overtime with three unanswered goals.

"It's not the first time it's happened to us," said Coughler of the team's evaporated lead.

"We've learned from our mistakes and the guys are maturing. We have a young group here, but we've really matured throughout this."



Mooseheads centre Joel Bishop sends the Charlottetown Islanders' Alex Dostie flying Wednesday night at Scotiabank Centre.

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**WEDNESDAY In Halifax**

**6** HERD **5** ISLANDERS

Every point is important down the stretch with the regular season coming to a close on Saturday. While 11 of 16 teams have clinched playoff spots, six teams are battling for the final five spots. It's a logjam

in the standings as only four points separate those six teams. The Mooseheads now have 59 points, putting them at 15th.

"It's a big monkey off our back. It really feels like winning a playoff game right now," said captain Keigan Goetz, who also scored in the game.

"We knew where we were in the standings and as a group where we were. It's a huge game for us. We knew it coming into the game."

The top line got the Moose-

heads on the board first when winger Max Fortier scored his 31st goal of the year. The goal ended a five-game goalless drought for Fortier, his longest slump of the season.

Swiss forward Nico Hischier was the second star of the game after posting three assists. In the first period, Hischier drew a hooking penalty but still managed to dish the puck off to rookie Benoit-Olivier Groulx, who scored his 17th goal.

Charlottetown winger Daniel

Sprong, named the Canadian Hockey League player of the week earlier in the day, finished the night with three assists.

Rookie goalie Alex Gravel had 29 saves on the night as he started his 14th straight game. The win was the 17th of the season for the 16-year-old.

Halifax's final two regular-season games are at home over the weekend. First, against Cape Breton on Friday at 7 p.m., then against the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday at 4 p.m.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Man City sent packing in Monaco

Midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko's thumping header sent Monaco through to the Champions League quarter-finals as the home side beat Manchester City 3-1 on Wednesday to progress on the away goals rule in another pulsating match between two attack-minded sides.

City fought back from 2-0 down and was momentarily in control after midfielder Leroy Sane's 71st-minute goal. But six minutes later Bakayoko rose imperiously to meet Thomas



Tiemoue Bakayoko heads in Wednesday's winner in Monaco. GETTY IMAGES

Lemar's curling free kick and restore the two-goal margin Monaco needed as the contest finished 6-6 on aggregate.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Aldridge back on hardwood

Spurs star LaMarcus Aldridge was cleared to return to full basketball activities and was expected to start Wednesday night against the Portland Trail Blazers.

Aldridge missed two games after being diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich revealed Wednesday that the 31-year-old forward has been concerned about the condition all season.

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NFL

## Hightower decides to stay with Pats

The Patriots have re-signed Pro Bowl linebacker Dont'a Hightower.

Hightower's agency, SportsTrust Advisors, tweeted the agreement on Wednesday and his agent Pat Dye Jr. confirmed it. The new pact is for four years and \$43.5 million.

It brings back one of the Patriots' biggest free agents, who has helped New England win two Super Bowls in his five NFL seasons.

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Dont'a Hightower GETTY IMAGES

HOCKEY WAGE GAP

## U.S. could boycott worlds

The Canadian women's hockey team can only watch and wait to see if they'll play chief rival United States in the world championship on American ice.

The U.S. women declared Wednesday they'll boycott the worlds starting March 31 in Plymouth, Mich., unless progress is made in a wage dispute with USA Hockey.

American players say they will not report next Wednesday to training camp without steps towards a new contract.

A few hours after that bombshell dropped, Canadian players on a conference call were still trying to get their heads around the possibility the host country and defending champion could be absent from the biggest tournament this calendar year.



**It is difficult to imagine but we respect their decision.**

Canada's Lauriane Rougeau

Canada is scheduled to open the tournament against the U.S. on March 31.

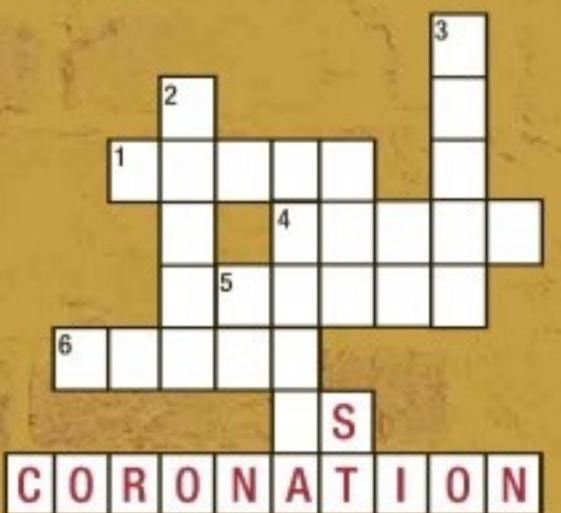
Canada and the U.S. have met in every world championship final dating back to the first in 1990. The Americans have won three straight titles.

"To voluntarily take ourselves out of the running to (repeat) is not easy, but it's what's right and we're asking for what's right and fair," U.S. forward Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson said.

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**\$1,000**

According to a statement from a law firm representing players, USA Hockey has paid players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

**Crossword****\*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Please remember that this is a wonderful year for partnerships for you. It's a great year for Aries to get married. This also includes entering into a business partnership.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
This year is the best year in over a decade for you to get a better job or improve your existing job. Likewise, it's the best year in over a decade to improve your health.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Plan on fun holidays this year, because this is a great time to take vacations, explore the arts, be active in sports and enjoy playful activities with children.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
It's important to know that this is the year to create your dream home. You can either improve your existing home or get a better home. It's an excellent time for real-estate investments.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You are in such a positive frame of mind this year. You will succeed in whatever you do, because you believe in yourself. This is how the power of positive thinking works!

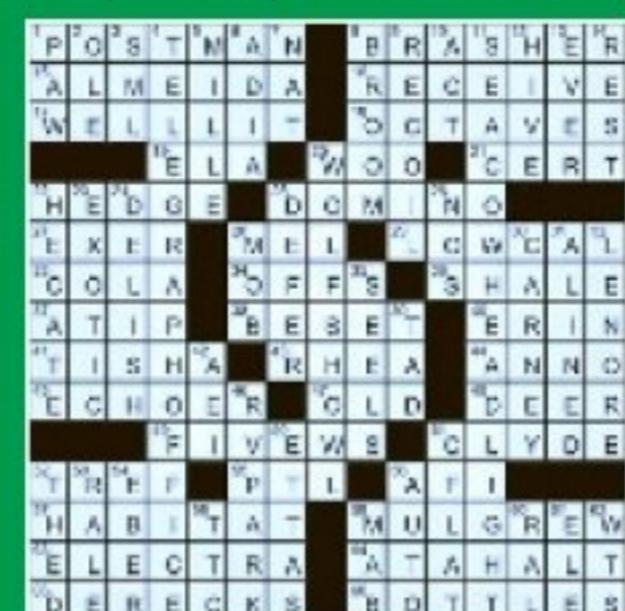
**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Look for ways to boost your earnings, because you can do it. In fact, this is the best year in over a decade for you to make more money. Yahoo!

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Lucky you! For the first time since 2005, lucky Jupiter is in your sign. This brings you good fortune and contentment for the whole year. It won't happen again until 2028.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This year, different experiences will occur that will enrich your spiritual life. Your belief will be stronger, and this in turn will give you more confidence in your future.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is a popular year for Sagittarians! However, it's important to know that your interactions with others will benefit you. Join clubs and groups. Be friendly!

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**ACROSS**

1. The \_\_\_\_ Never Stops
4. When you have a fling with your wife's friend
5. When she gets pregnant
6. When your wife finds out

**DOWN**

2. When your wife leaves you
3. And wants half your pub.
4. Weeknights at 7:30 on CBC

•CORONATION ST.•

**CONCEPTIS SUDOKU** by Dave Green

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

## Crispy Sweet Potato Fries



## PHOTO: MARY VANSINA

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

We think dinner sides should be as important (and as delicious) as the main event. If you're looking for a healthier update on everyone's salty addiction, then these sweet potato fries are your ticket to crispiness.

## Ready in 40 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 3 medium Sweet Potatoes
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp Chinese 5-spice

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Peel and slice sweet potatoes into

match sticks. Lay them flat on that cut side and make thin strips. Then turn those strips on their sides and cut into more fine slices. (The skinnier you make them, the crispier they're going to be.)

2. Mix your spices in a large bowl. Pour oil over the spice blend and combine well. Throw in your potatoes and toss until they're completely covered. Lay them out in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Use two sheets if they're looking crowded.

3. Place in a hot oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Take out at the 15-minute mark and turn them over with tongs or a spatula. Keep an eye on them at the end as the edges will char (not that that's a bad thing).

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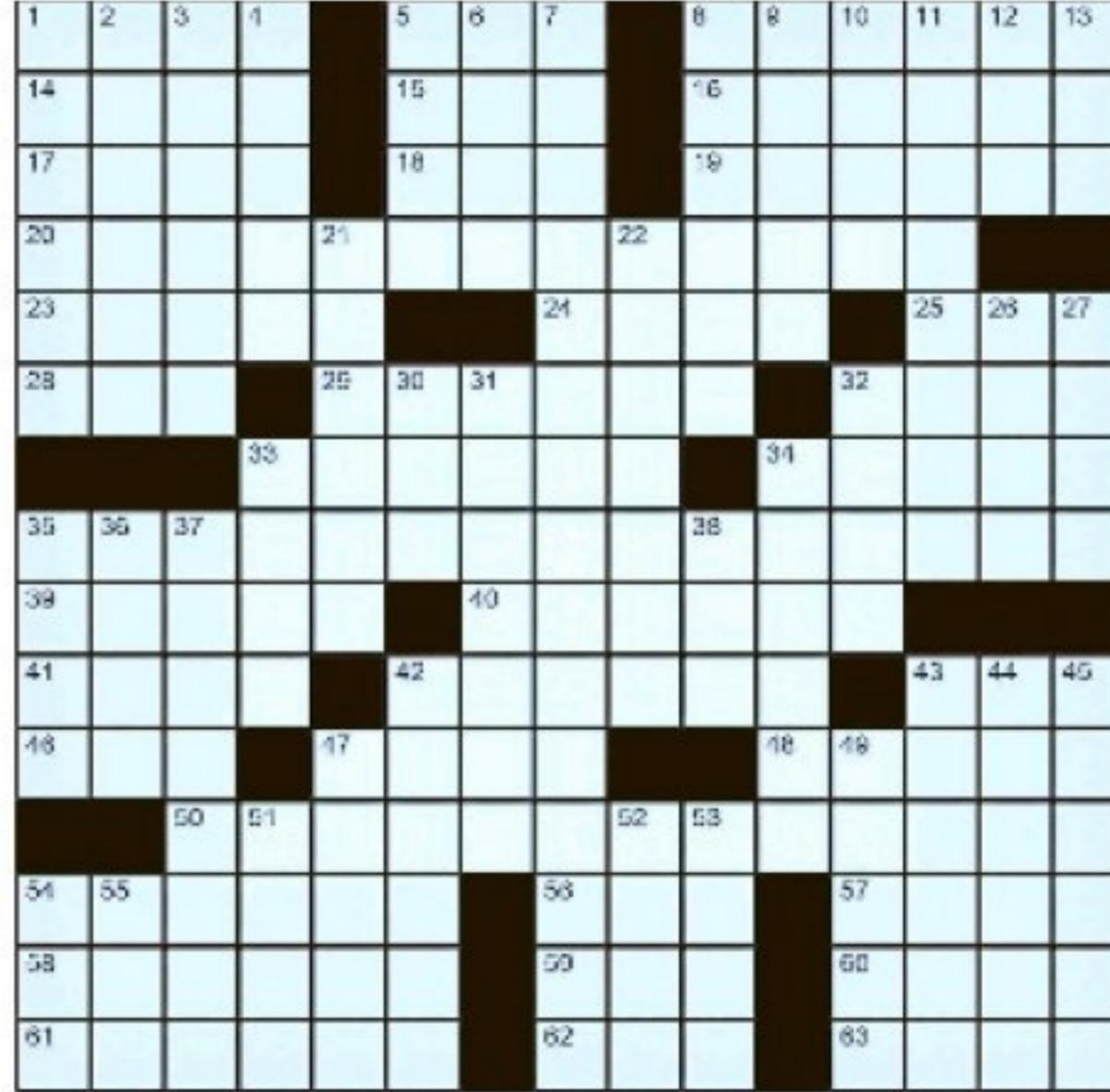
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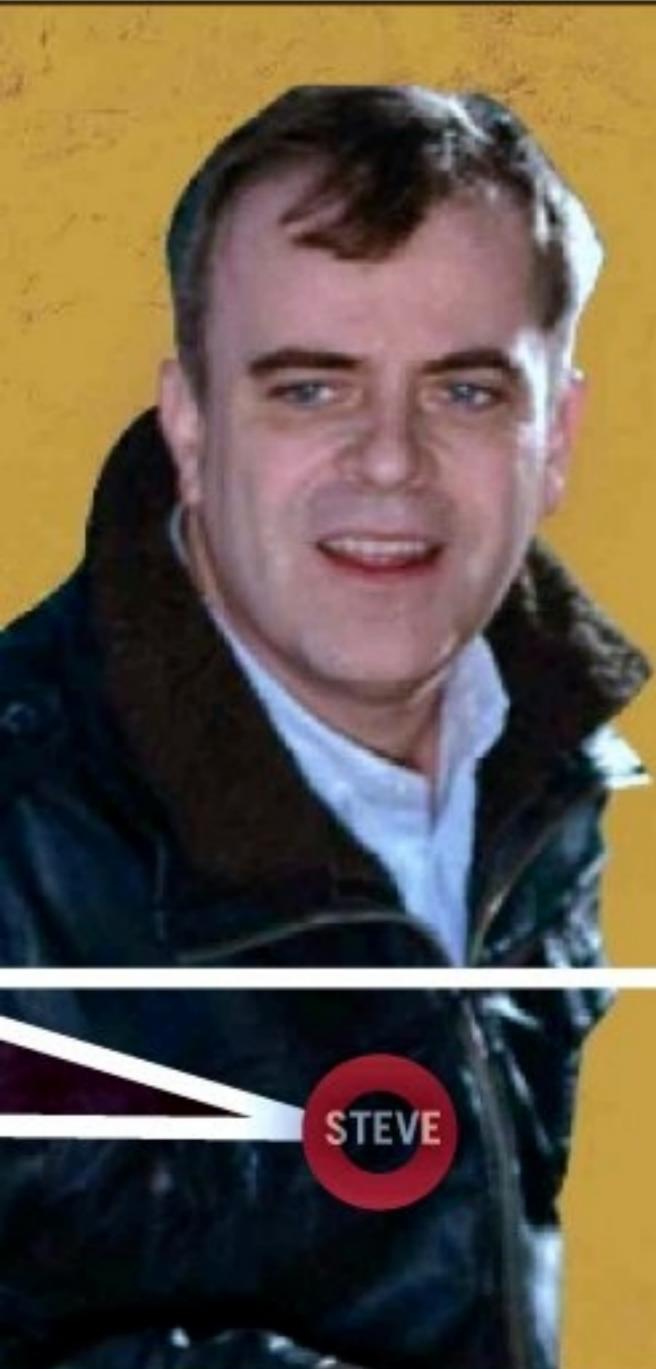
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- Ms. Sevigny's
- Moist-soil-liking tree sometimes found in southern Ontario: 3 wds.
- Country singer Ms. Tucker
- Single-named Art Deco designer
- Canadian comic Mr. Green
- Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
- Relating to digestion
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- Melon coming from the name of the former name of Turgutlu, a town in Turkey
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- Assuage
- US Supreme Court Justice Ms. Kagan's
- Omaha, \_\_
- Navy titles, e.g.: 2 wds.
- Jolly: French
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- Fashionable accessory
- Regina's beautiful park: 2 wds.
- Attribute
- Post-op locale
- Norwegian king



## DOWN

- Party with a piñata
- Regardless/nonetheless
- "Happy Days" star
- Enthusiastic
- Position
- \_\_acte (Intermission)
- Make the shower watertight: 2 wds.
- Switz's continent
- Fork prong
- Regina's beautiful park: 2 wds.
- Attribute
- Post-op locale
- Norwegian king
- Shakespeare-inspired architectural features: 2 wds.
- "Yada, Yada..." 2 wds.
- Till again
- "To Live and Die \_\_" (1985)
- Stove surfaces
- "\_\_ you sure?" (Positive?)
- Shakespearean verb

- Initials-sharers of the director of "E.T." (1982)
- The Pope's office
- Tested, as a product before going to market, say
- \_\_ California (The Bionic Woman's hometown)
- Bons \_\_ (Witticisms)
- That, in Spain
- Leon \_\_ (CIA director from 2009 to 2011)
- Mars, per example
- Russian ruler
- Powerfully-toothed tropical fish
- Filmmaker, Gus Van \_\_
- Movie bee-keeper
- Sports protection: 2 wds.
- Montreal-headquartered train co.
- Aglow
- Country star Larry
- Unmitigated
- By any chance at all: 2 wds.
- Sean of 'LOTR' movies
- \$100 bill, fun-style
- Tolkien character, \_\_ the Smith
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